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GOG RE GRIVAS

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127803 ET SEQ; D) STATE 97565; E) ATHENS 5544

1. UK EMBASSY OFFICER CORNISH, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, CALLED
ON ACTING NEA/CYP COUNTRY DIRECTOR AUGUST 7 TO INFORM HIM
THAT UK PLANNING TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO GOG RE GRIVAS.
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SPEAKING NOTE (STATE 127803). TEXT OF NEW PARA 1 FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT'S TIMELY STATEMENT OF 30 JULY, CONDEMNING THE KIDNAPPING OF THE CYPRUS MINISTER OF JUSTICE, WAS WARMLY WELCOMED BY (HMG). SINCE THEN HOWEVER THE SITUATION IN THE ISLAND HAS FURTHER DETERIORATED. WE THINK THE GREEK GOVERNMENT COULD NOW MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION BY GOING A STEP FURTHER AND INDICATING THAT THEY CONDEMN ALL UNLAWFUL ACTS COMMITTED BY GRIVAS AND HIS MEN AND EXPLICITLY DISSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM THE CAMPAIGN WHICH HE IS CONDUCTING AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS. END QUOTE.

2. CORNISH SAID HMG HAS MADE JUDGMENT THAT PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES FIT SCENARIO ENVISAGED BY CONTINGENCY PLAN: MAKARIOS AND GRIVAS HAVE REACHED POINT WHERE MAJOR VIOLENCE SEEMS LIKELY, AND LOCAL TALKS COULD BE JEOPARDIZED IF VIOLENCE BECOMES WIDESPREAD AND GOC LOSES ABILITY TO MAINTAIN ORDER.

3. UK AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS, HOOPER, CALLED ON PAPADOPOULOS TODAY. AT MEETING, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED BEFORE UK PLAN DUSTED OFF, HOOPER PRESENTED DEMARCHE ALONG LINES OF "DRAFT SPEAKING NOTE." CORNISH REPORTS GREEK PRESIDENT "NOT TERRIBLY RECEPTIVE." PAPADOPOULOS RESPONSE, THE GOG "HAS DONE ALL IT CAN." HOOPER NOTED THAT PRESIDENT'S RESPONSES SEEMED EVASIVE.

4. HMG HOPES US AND UN WILL MAKE PARALLEL REPRESENTATIONS. COMMENT: UK HAS NOT REPEAT NOT YET RAISED PROPOSED DEMARCHE WITH UNSYG, AND CORNISH TOOK NOTE OF PECULIAR PROBLEM PRESENTED BY ANY UN ATTEMPT TO MAKE REPRESENTATION THROUGH GREECE'S UN AMBASSADOR, PANAYOTAKOS. END COMMENT.

5. ACTING NEA/CYP DIRECTOR RESPONDED THAT WE WATCHING SITUATION CLOSELY, AND SAID THAT WHILE WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTS FROM NICOSIA ON NEED FOR REPRESENTATIONS, WOULD INFORM EMBASSIES OF UK DEMARCHE AND SEEK THEIR VIEWS. ALSO SUGGESTED THAT UK AND US AMBASSADORS IN NICOSIA MAY WISH TO REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH DURING PERIOD OF HIGH TENSIONS IN CYPRUS.

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6. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSIES' ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT SITUATION AND VIEWS AS TO WHETHER THIS IS APPROPRIATE TIME FOR US TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH BRITISH INITIATIVE.
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